Commissioned features Highlighting Mutual Cooperation between majority and Minority Communities

4073. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the Commissioned features highlighting mutual cooperation between majority and minority communities during communal riots;

(b) the details of other special programmes focussing on promotion of communal harmony;

(c) whether more such programmes are going to be telecast/broadcast; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY): (a) and (b) A list of programmes commissioned by Doordarshan in the National level on communal harmony is enclosed as statement (see below). In addition, all Doordarshan Kendras telecast at least one programme on communal harmony on a fortnightly basis in the local dialect in addition to relaying the National Network programme on communal harmony. As regards All India Radio, no outside agency was commissioned for producing programmes on communal harmony. Most of the programmes are in-house production and 30 programmes on an average every month were broadcast from each station during the year 1996 to promote communal harmony and national integration.

(c) and (d) Promotion of communal harmony is a regular campaign theme of electronic media and programmes on this will continue to be telecast/broadcast over Doordarshan and All India Radio.

Setting up of a Newspapers Finance Corporation

4074. SHRI TARA CHARAN MAJUMDAR: Will the Mnister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have requested to set up a Newspaper Finance Corporation for the benefit of Indian Language Newspapers to maintain freedom of press;

(b) if so, the details thereof with action taken thereon;

(c) whether setting up of a Newspaper Finance Corporation will benefit the readers in any way; and

(d) if so, the details thereof; and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY): (a) and (b) No, Sir. At present, there is no intention on part of the Government to set up a Newspaper Finance Corporation for the Indian Language Newspapers.

(c) and (d) Do not arise.

Suggestion for improvement in the Zonal set up of AIR Stations and Doordarshan Centres

4075. SHRI RAGHAVJI:
SHRI GOVINDRAM MIRI:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details of zonal set up of All India Radio and Doordarshan stations including Low Power Transmissions in respect of manpower, finance and materials;

(b) whether Government have recently received some suggestions for improvement in this zonel set up;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY): (a) There are four zonal offices located at Delhi(North), Bombay (West), Calcutta (East) and Madras (South) which re common for both All India Radio and Doordarshan and are responsible for project implementation, maintenance and supervision of All India Radio and Doordarshan installations including Low Power Transmitters.

(b) and (c) Yes, Sir. A proposal has been received for re-organisation of zonal set up of AIR and DD to create more zones/offices to streamline and increase the efficiency of project execution, maintenance and supervision of Broadcasting/Telecasting network which has expanded rapidly during the last two decades.

(d) No new proposals involving creation of units or posts are being processed till the implementation of the report of the 5th Pay Commission.

Policy of Government with regard to opening of New Doordarshan and Akashvani Kendras in Country

4076. SHRI ANANTRAY DEVSHANKER DAVE: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the policy of Government with regard to the opening of new Doordarshan and Akashvani Kendras in the country;

(b) the objective of opening those kendras only in the developed States only;

(c) the number of such Doordarshan and Akashvani Kendras has been opened in Tripura during the eighth plan to cover North-Eastern region under the National Net Work;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY): (a) and (b) It is the constant endeavour of All India Radio and Doordarshan to expand the services throughout the country including hilly areas in a phased manner subject to availability of funds, other infrastructural facilities and interse priorities. Technical feasibility, availability of programme talent, linguistic and cultural needs of the area are also kept in view while deciding locations for establishment of new radio/doordarshan stations.

(c) to (e) Whereas two local ratio stations with 3 KW FM Tr. and 6 KW FM Tr. at Kailashahar and Belonia respectivcly have been set up, Doordarshan has commissioned one studio, one LPT for DD-II at Agartala and a VLPT at Dharamnagar during 8th Plan.

पंचमहाल, डांग तथा दीप-दमन में आकाशवाणी केन्द्र

4077. **श्री गोपाल सिंह जी सोलंकी :** क्या सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार ने पंचमहाल, डांग तथा दीप-दमन में आकाशवाणी केन्द्रों की स्थापना की है ; और

(ख) क्या ये केन्द्र आकाशवाणी के हम अहमदाबाद केन्द्र और विविध भारती वाणिज्य सेवा से जुड़े है?

सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्री (श्री एस. जयपाल रेड्डी) : (क) जी, हां आकाशवाणी ने पंचमहाल जिले मे गोदरा में, डांग (अहवा) तथा दीव-दमन में अपने केन्द्र स्थापित किए हैं।

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